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SUBJECT: CIVIL SOCIETY LEADERS, U/S BURNS DISCUSS

ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, POTUS SPEECH AND HUMAN RIGHTS REF: A. CAIRO 928 B. CAIRO 839 C. CAIRO 300 D. 08 CAIRO 2297 Classified By: Ambassador Mar 1. KEY POINTS -- (C) On June 6, U/S Burns emphasized the importance that the U.S. attaches to civil society, human rights, and democracy issues,

- 2.(C) Anwar Esamat El-Sadat of the El-Sadat Association for Social Development and Welfare, and nephew of the former president, called for devel
- 3.(C) Secretary-General of the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights and NCHR member Hafez Abu Seada agreed that civil society contacts betwee
- 4.(C) Zulficar praised the President's comments on democracy and human rights as "persuasive," saying that the "U.S. cannot impose" these value
- 5.(C) Zulficar said that the NCHR has developed an agenda for social and political rights, and is working on legislation to change the laws rel
- 6.(C) Director of the Afro-Egyptian Human Rights Organization Engi El-Haddad stressed the importance of anti-corruption and transparency effort
- 7.(C) Director of the Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies Bahey Al-Din Hassan called for a direct role for Egyptian civil society in the U
- 8.(C) Hisham Kassem said the Bush Administration had achieved some success in pressing the GOE to allow increased political openness, but that
- 9.(C) Al-Ghad Party Vice-President Wael Nawara called for Egyptian civil society to focus on social services such as education and health care

10.(U) U/S Burns cleared this message. SCOBAY